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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please substitute for original claims 35 and 37 the following rewritten version of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

35.   (Amended) A method of communication, which method comprises the steps of communicating from a sender to a recipient a digital certificate according to claim 18.

37.   (Amended) A method of communication according to claim 35, in which the recipient inspects the certificate and the credential attribute property value is determined according to the credential function.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments to Claims 35 and 37 be made prior to examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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35.   (Amended) A method of communication, which method comprises the steps of communicating from a sender to a recipient a digital certificate according to [any preceding claim] claim 18.

37.   (Amended) A method of communication according to claim 35, [when dependent on any one of claims 18 to 32,] in which the recipient inspects the certificate and the credential attribute property value is determined according to the credential function.